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Dear Jan M.,

We have a strange situation on weekend mail here, "eagan "effeciency." Everything that goes into a box or a post office slot after 5:30 this evening and through Sunday goes to Baltimore. Even local mail, which is returned to Frederick Mondays! Because you are going to the Ford archive soon I'll rush this and go into town to mail it because I've t ought of something else. This something else is to learn what executive session transcripts are available there, by date and their page numbers. If you examine them, any notations can be significant.

All the transcripts were withheld as Top Secret, then some were given to David Wise. I sued to get those that were still withheld. Except for one, I think of 5/19/64, all are declassified and disclosed. That one is declassified but was withheld from me allegedly to protect the rights of privacy of two staff members, Joe Ball and Norman Redlich. In the litigation the government lied its head off. After I lost at the district court level and filed an appeal, on the very day the government's appeal bried was due they gave me the withheld 10 pages of the transcript of the 1/21/64 session and the entire 6/23/64 transcript.

Under the law my lawyer was entitled to counsel fees, but they lied to gyp him out of them. It is in this area that knowing what is available there and when it was made available can be important;

Supposedly the Commission did not have the 1/21 transcript typed up. It was typed up for me after I invoked FOIA. However, it turns out that before this the FBI had a transcript, which makes it all very strange. I think it is possible that Ford had a t ranscript made and gave it to the FBI. If there is one there and has dates on it, that can be very important.

If they raise any classification questions to withheld, tell them to check with the Archives ~~mk~~ because you have been told that all were declassified. Don't mention my name because if you do and they mention it to the Archives, they may understand that they may get caught in a lie to a court.

I don't remember how may pages there are in the 5/19 transcript so if it is available I don't know whether to ask you to getbit or not. If you'll let me pay you back, please get it for me if it is available.

You are correct in the belief t at an honest clerk may not be privy to the Washington lies and may disclose what is not properly withheld in Washington, and this can be important.

Ford put the co-author of his book on the payroll only for purposes of having him write the book and an article for Life magazine. It is possible that his notes may be there and that they can disclose what we do not know.

Ford had connections with the FBI and I believe with the CIA. If there are such records, any reflecting what the CIA told him, especially about defectors and Oswald, might be interesting. What he said at the executive sessions does reflect such input to him.

There does not appear to be anything that Humes or Spitz would say to you that they have not already said so why think about what they might take as a provocation? I don't think it would serve a constructive end.

Thanks and best wishes,